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SUBJECT: PANAM FARES

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1. AS INSTRUCTED, WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL BY TELEPHONE TO DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CIVIL AVIATION VANDERPERREN AND VIA INFORMAL AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DE CASTIAUX'S ASSISTANT MME. RENARD). WE HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH VANDERPERREN TUESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 11 AND WILL SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH DE CASTIAUX THAT DATE TO DISCUSS FARE ISSUE IN DEPTH.

2. VANDERPERREN'S INITIAL REACTION TO OUR DEMARCHE WAS ONE OF SURPRISE. HE BELIEVES HE DID INFORM EMBASSY OFFICIALLY OF DGCA'S DISSATISFACTION WITH PANAM FARES. (WHEN WE OBSERVED THAT NONE HAD BEEN RECEIVED, HE PROMISED TO REVIEW HIS FILES.) HE ALSO SAID HE BELIEVES SMALL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN PANAM AND DGAC IS ONLY OVER WHETHER FARES SHOULD BE ONE-WAY OR ROUNDTRIP AND SHOULD BE EASILY RESOLVED. VANDERPERREN HAD IMPRESSION FROM PANAM CORRESPONDENCE THAT PANAM WAS READY TO ACQUIESCE IN ROUNDTRIP ONLY FILING.

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3. RENARD'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT US ARGUMENT APPEARED TO BE BASED ON FORM. RENARD ALSO ADDED THAT FARE QUESTIONS WERE SOLELY WITHIN COMPETENCE OF DGCA.

4. WE WILL COMMENT ON GOB MOTIVATION AFTER WE DISCUSS ISSUE WITH VANDERPERREN AND DE CASTIAUX ON TUESDAY.
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